) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government of Kerala submitted any proposal for the anticipated expenditure of such houses and if so, the estimated expenses of each house; and

(d) whether Government consider to accord permission for the scheme and extend financial assistance for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The requirement of funds for construction of houses in place of houses damaged in the Tsunami disaster has been estimated at Rs. 682.00 crore for 1,70,500 pucca houses excluding Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

(c) and (d) The financial assistance for housing sector as above will be used for supporting the housing component of rehabilitation plans being prepared for the affected areas including Kerala with the assistance of the Core Group established in the Planning Commission for the purpose and in consultation with the relevant Ministries and the State Governments. Further assistance in subsequent phases would be released for supporting these plans. Accordingly, the orders for releasing financial assistance for housing sector will be issued separately.

Proposals from Gujarat regarding protection of its borders

1619. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has suggested any scheme to Union Government for further protection of its border adjacent to Pakistan;

(b) what are the main details of that proposal; and

(c) how many such suggestion of State Government of Gujarat are acceded by Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) No specific scheme has been suggested by the Government of Gujarat for further protection of the land border with Pakistan. However, Government of India have approved a coastal security scheme for strengthening infrastructure of State Police Forces for patrolling the coastline and close coastal waters. This scheme has been framed after consultation with State Governments concerned, including the Government of Gujarat.